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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BISHOP DE VRIES AND PROFESSOR KERINA'S
PATRIOTIC COALITION

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1. PROF. MBURUMBA KERINA AND HIS ASSOCIATE PAUL HELMUTH
VISITED DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 22. THEY SAID THAT TO THE
POINT ARTICLE (REFTEL) WAS INCORRECT. BISHOP DE VRIES,
KERINA EXPLAINED, HAD BEEN ONE OF SEVERAL CLERICS INVITED
TO THE COALITION'S JANUARY CONGRESS, HAD MADE SOME PUBLIC
REMARKS THERE, BUT WAS DEFINITELY NOT A MEMBER.

2. KERINA WAS VAGUE ON HIS EFFORTS TO BUILD UP HIS
PARTY AND WOULD ONLY SAY THAT HE WAS SEEKING SUPPORT FROM
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"WORKERS, YOUTH, AND THE SILENT BLACK MAJORITY." HE
EXPRESSED A DISTASTE FOR ELECTIONS UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND
CONTROL AND ASSERTED THAT SWAPO COULD NOT BE TRUSTED TO
PARTICIPATE PEACEFULLY IN SUCH A PROCESS. KERINA IS SEND-
ING US A MEMORANDUM DETAILING THE COALITION'S VIEWS.

3. KERINA AND HELMUTH PLAN TO TOUR THE US AND WESTERN

EUROPE IN SEARCH OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR PARTY. VANCE

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